



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert Jones

Serial No. 09/761,421

Group Art Unit 3643

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Examiner: Susan L. Piascik

For: Trap for Insects and Small Rodents

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To the Honorable Commissioner
Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Box Amendments (patents)

RESPONSE-REMARKS

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action of February 19, 2002. A shortened statutory period for response was set to expire three months from the date of the letter, making a response due on or before May 19, 2002. Since May 19, 2002 falls on a Sunday, the due date for response becomes May 20, 2002.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierpoint in view of McMullen.

The applicant amended Claim 1, 6 and 9, the independent claims of the instant application to specifically recite that the contiguous lip extends in a parallel relationship to the bottom plate. Such design is not suggested, taught or implied by the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

Pierpoint discloses a metal plate with a rolled-in lip to allow for hinged attachment of the bottom plate to the rolled lip. The hinged attachment is necessary in Pierpoint's design in order to secure the adhesive paper 3 to the movable back (col. 2, lines 100-105). In order to provide for the hinged attachment, Pierpoint teaches the use of rolled edge 8, which houses the pivot pin 12.